

ARTICLE APPEARED
ON PAGE A-1

NEW YORK TIMES
5 JULY 1980

GUNMEN IN JAMAICA HIT HOME OF U.S. AIDE

Embassy Official Had Been Named
by Critic as an Agent of C.I.A.

By JO THOMAS

Special to The New York Times

KINGSTON, Jamaica, July 4 — The home of a member of the United States Embassy staff was fired on early today, two days after he was publicly described as the chief of station of the United States Central Intelligence Agency. No one was injured by the gunmen, who used automatic weapons.

N. Richard Kinsman, whose home was attacked, and 14 other members of the staff of the United States Embassy were described Wednesday as C.I.A. personnel by Louis Wolf, co-editor of Covert Action Information Bulletin, a newsletter published in Washington.

Prime Minister Michael N. Manley issued a statement deploring the attack.

Biographical Information Supplied

During a news conference at which Mr. Wolf accused the intelligence agency of trying to undermine the socialist Government of Jamaica, he also supplied biographical information about those he named. In the case of Mr. Kinsman (who was identified by the State Department as a political officer) and several other embassy staff members, Mr. Wolf provided home addresses and unlisted telephone numbers as well as descriptions of their cars and license-plate numbers.

According to police investigators, it appears that three men opened fire on Mr. Kinsman's home in the Kingston suburb of Cherry Gardens at 2:30 A.M. The police said the bullets, from .45-caliber weapons, appeared to have been fired from a submachine gun at a distance of 100 feet. Twenty bullets hit the house's concrete walls and two went through the open windows of a child's bedroom.

Anne Williams, the family's maid, said the bedroom belonged to the Kinsmans' 12-year-old daughter but that Mrs. Kinsman and her three children were away. Mrs. Williams said that Mr. Kinsman was alone in the house and that she was asleep in the servants' quarters. She said she heard a noise during the night but did not realize the house had been attacked until the neighbors pointed out the bullet holes.

Mr. Kinsman, who could not be reached for comment, apparently did not

call the police. They were summoned this morning by neighbors.

Police officials said they believed that the attackers, in addition to firing on the house, threw an explosive device. They found what appeared to be the pin of a grenade, and there is a hole the size of a basketball in the front lawn.

Middle of Election Campaign

Jamaica is in the middle of a hard-fought campaign for elections expected in October, and the Kingston slums have been plagued by violence. At least 243 people have been killed since the elections were announced in February. Members of each party have accused the other of seeking foreign help for so-called military means of forestalling the voting.

Edward P. G. Seaga, leader of the opposition Jamaica Labor Party, has accused the Government of collaborating with Cuba to train men and import weap-

ons to create an extra-legal military force.

Those charges have been denied by Prime Minister Manley and by the Cubans, but the Cuban Ambassador, Ulises Estrada, was vilified in public and his 5-year-old son was accused of being a threat to his schoolmates. The Ambassador's family went home several weeks ago.

Mr. Manley has called Mr. Seaga's charges a fairy story and a lie and has said he feels that his Government and party, the People's National Party, are victims of a campaign to keep the voters in a state of hysteria, to undermine the confidence of investors and to ruin tourism.

Mr. Wolf, at his news conference Wednesday, described the Kingston C.I.A. station as one of the largest in Latin America.

Quotation of the Day

"I know objectively as a fact there are C.I.A. people in Jamaica. I draw no conclusions from that fact." — Prime Minister Michael N. Manley of Jamaica.